Supply of drinking water to the inhabitants of Ullur in the Trivandrum taluk.

281. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, has been taken to sink a well for supplying drinking water to the people of Ullur in the Trivandrum taluk ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): An estimate for Rs. 810 has already been sanctioned and the work will be taken up when funds become available.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): In view of the pressing necessity for drinking water in the locality, will the Government be pleased to issue orders for the well being sunk as early as possible ?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes; Government will do it.

Inspection of co-operative societies by the Dewan Peishkars.

282. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any of the Dewan Peishkars has ever inspected a co-operative society as provided for in the Co-operative Societies Regulation ; and

(*b*) if so, the names of the Peishkars, the names of the societies inspected and the dates of inspection ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise, in view of the answer to part (*a*) of the question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government know whether any of the Dewan Peishkars is aware of the provision in the Co-operative Societies Regulation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have no information as to whether the Peishkars are aware of the provision or not.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government expect the Peishkars to be aware of the provision ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As a matter of fact, Mr. Matthen, when he was Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, inspected a co-operative society; and Mr. Parameswara Aiyar, Dewan Peishkar Trivandrum, has also inspected a society at Neduvangad.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): But the answer to part (*a*) of my question is in the negative.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): These two inspections were not inspections according to the provision in the Regulation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Perhaps, the Peishkars merely had a look at the building in which the society was being held.

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There was no formal inspection.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is this not one of the functions of the Dewan Peishkars?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is, according to the Regulation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : According to Government?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : All Regulations are enacted by the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is there any explanation for the fact that, all these years, none of the Peishkars considered it worth his while to inspect even a single co-operative society as has been provided for in the Co-operative Societies Regulation?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I am not in a position to answer the question.

Filling the vacancy of Mr. C. O. Madhavan in the Secretariat.

283. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whom the Government have appointed as Secretary in the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. C. O. Madhavan as Excise Commissioner ;

(*b*) whether that appointment was made when there were Assistant Secretaries who had acted as Secretaries on previous occasions and who were drawing the maximum salary of Assistant Secretaries ; and

(*c*) what considerations weighed with the Government in appointing as Secretary one from outside the Secretariat over the heads of those who have acted as Secretary ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Mr. P. Visvanatha Aiyar, B. A., Division Assistant and First Class Magistrate, Chengannur, has been appointed to act as Secretary to Government *vice* Mr. C. O. Madhavan.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It was considered necessary to appoint an officer with executive experience as Secretary to Government.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Was the work, in the Secretariat, of the Officer who was acting as Secretary, found to be unsatisfactory because he had no executive experience?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government thought that it would be more advantageous to have, as Secretary, an Officer with executive experience also.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : My question now is whether the work of the officer was found to be unsatisfactory?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was a question of *preference*. An officer who had executive experience was *preferred* to one who did not have it.

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